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1. REFTTEL GAVE THE TEXT OF THE NEUTRAL PACKAGE DEAL WHICH WAS PROPOSED INFORMALLY LAST WEEK IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE BASKET III PREAMBLE PROBLEM. POINTS 3 AND 4 OF THAT TEXT WERE BASED ON AN INFORMAL FEBRUARY 6 COMPROMISE UNDERSTANDING, WHICH SET THE WORKING ORDER FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF BASKET III AND BROKE A DEADLOCK OVER WHICH SHOULD BE DRAFTED FIRST, SUBSTANCE OR PREAMBULAR MATERIAL. IT WAS ALSO THE FORMAL WESTERN COMMITMENT TO ACCEPT A BASKET III PREAMBLE. TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANING OF THE NEUTRALS' PACKAGE DEAL, WE TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF THIS FEBRUARY 6 UNDERSTANDING.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

(1) COMMITTEE III WILL BEGIN AS FROM ITS NEXT SESSION TO DRAFT ON THE BASIS OF TEXTS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED OR WILL BE TABLED AND WHICH RELATE TO PARAGRAPHS 42-44 OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

(2) IN THE FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES OF COMMITTEE III DRAFTING WILL BEGIN WITH OPERATIVE PASSAGES.

THE DRAFTING OF THE INTRODUCTORY PASSAGES WILL BEGIN:

- IN SUB-COMMITTEE 8, AFTER THE DRAFTING OF THE PASSAGES RELATING TO "TRAVEL FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL REASONS" (PARAGRAPH 46B), PARAGRAPH 45 BEING CONSIDERED AS OPERATIVE;
- IN SUB-COMMITTEE 9, AFTER THE DRAFTING OF THE PASSAGES RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 47B, THIS WILL BE DONE ALTERNATELY: ONE MEETING FOR THE INTRODUCTORY PASSAGE, ONE MEETING FOR THE PASSAGES RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 47C;
- IN SUB-COMMITTEE 10, AFTER THE DRAFTING OF THE PASSAGES RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 49D, PARAGRAPH 48 BEING CONSIDERED AS INTRODUCTORY;
- IN SUB-COMMITTEE 11, AFTER THE DRAFTING OF THE PASSAGES RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 51B.

(3) THE FINAL DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE THIRD POINT OF THE AGENDA WILL COMPRISE SEVERAL PARTS, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH MAY VARY IN NATURE AND FORM ACCORDING TO THE SUBJECT AND THE DEGREE OF AGREEMENT REACHED. END TEXT.

3. PARAGRAPH (2) OF THE UNDERSTANDING RELATES TO THE HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEANS THAT DRAFTING IS TO BEGIN ON THE FIRST OBJECTIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE AGENDA FOR EACH SUBCOMMITTEE AS SET OUT IN HELSINKI, AND PROCEED TOPIC BY TOPIC THROUGH THE PARAGRAPHS, NOT MOVING TO THE NEXT ONE UNTIL A TEXT IS REGISTERED OR UNTIL THERE IS A SUBCOMMITTEE CONSENSUS TO DO SO. AT THE DESIGNATED POINT EACH SUBCOMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP THE INTRODUCTORY PASSAGE, COMPLETE IT, AND THEN CONTINUE WITH THE SUBSTANCE. THE COMBINATION OF THE NEUTRAL PACKAGE DEAL, AND THE FEBRUARY 6 UNDERSTANDING ASSURES THAT MOST OF THE SUBSTANCE OF BASKET III WOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE TEXTS CONTAINED IN THE PACKAGE DEAL ARE REGISTERED.

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